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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Carlos Rosas Paloblanco
Child sexual abuse conviction and prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Carlos Rosas Paloblanco, age 37, of Le Grand in Merced County, was sentenced to state prison after having been convicted of several felony counts of child sexual abuse. Deputy District Attorney Blythe Harris prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

In 2011, Paloblanco was babysitting a niece when he touched the victim's breasts over her clothing and exposed his penis to her. Over the next three years, Paloblanco repeatedly touched the victim in sexual ways and forcibly kissed her on multiple occasions at locations in Merced and Stanislaus Counties. In 2016, he was arrested after the offenses were reported to law enforcement and charged with four felony counts of lewd acts on a child that occurred between 2011 and 2014.

On January 6th, 2017, before Judge Linda McFadden, Paloblanco pled no contest to all counts alleged in the criminal complaint. He then asked the court for a chance to be placed on probation instead of being sent to state prison. His case was referred to the probation department for a report and to a psychologist for assessment of whether probation was appropriate.

At a sentencing hearing, both the victim's and defendant's family were allowed to make impact statements to the court. Deputy District Attorney Harris objected to Paloblanco's probation request. Harris cited Paloblanco's consistent denial he did anything wrong along with his complete and total lack of remorse for his victim as reasons that probation was inappropriate.

Judge McFadden denied probation. Paloblanco was sentenced to a total term of five years in state prison. McFadden commented that she hoped the time he spends in prison will be used to reflect on how his actions have negatively impacted his young niece.

These crimes are considered "strikes" under California's "Three Strikes Law" which may be used to increase his sentence should Paloblanco be convicted of a new felony crime in the future. He will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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